



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**  
APRIL 18-24, 2004

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious and valuable resource, and providing high-quality early childhood education programs is an investment in our children's future, as well as the future of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children is leading the effort to honor children and recognize the families, early childhood educators and others who work together to support the healthy development and early learning of every child in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, these groups are building public support for high-quality early childhood education programs for all children and families, improving the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that children who attend high-quality early education programs are more likely to develop the language, pre-mathematics, and social and emotional skills they need to succeed in school; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize and support the needs of our children, providing them with a great start on learning and life; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 18-24, 2004, **WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State